

in Doordarshan Kendra, Ranchi. It is also planned to have 3 AIR FM stations at Gumla, Dumka & Dhanbad and replacement of one 6 KW FM transmitter at Ranchi by 19 KW FM transmitter, subject to approval and availability of funds.

Vulgar songs and obscene dances on TV

†939. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that vulgar songs and obscene dances are being telecasted in place of good music through various TV channels regularly by presenting private music albums;

(b) whether souch vulgar songs and obscene dances are badly affecting the Indian society and culture and also undermining the prestige of Indian women;

(c) whether there is no provision such as censorship for preventing the telecast of such vulgar and obscene scenes, songs and advertisements;

(d) whether Government have formulated any policy to prevent open display of such vulgarity;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) All broadcasters are required to abide by the Programme and Advertising Codes prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and rules framed thereunder. Whenever specific instances of violation of the Codes are brought to the notice of the Government, action is initiated, as per rules.

(b) No such study has been brought to the notice of the Government. However, there are provisions in the Programme and Advertising Codes referred to at (a) above to secure the Indian society and its culture as also the prestige of Indian women.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) As per Notification dated 2-8-2006 [annexed as Statement (See below)]. No film or film song or film promo or film trailer or music video or music albums or their promos, shall be carried through cable service unless it has been certified by the Central Board of Film Certification as suitable for unrestricted public exhibition in India. However, there is no provision of pre-censorship of advertisements on TV channels except advertisements of certain products that use a brand name or logo, which is also used for cigarettes tobacco products, wine etc.

(d) and (e) The Government have constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) to monitor the violations of the Programme and Advertising Codes prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and rules framed thereunder. All programmes have to be within the parameters laid down under the above Rules. The IMC, either suo motu or on receipt of complaints, suggests action against the offending broadcaster and action is taken by the Ministry, thereafter, as per rules.

(f) Does not arise.

Statement

Copy of Notification regarding certification by CBFC

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MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, dated: the 2nd August 2006

G.S.R 459(E) : In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 22 of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 (7 of 1955), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Cable Television Networks Rules, 1994, namely:—

1. (1) These rules may be called Cable Television Networks (Amendment) Rules, 2006.

- (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the official Gazette.

2. In the Cable Television Networks Rules, 1994.

- (i) in rule 6, in sub-rule (1) after clause (o) the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

"Provide that no film or film song or film promo or film trailer or music video or music albums or their promos, whether produced in India or abroad, shall be carried through cable service unless it has been certified by the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) as suitable for unrestricted public exhibition in India".

- (ii) in rule 7, for sub-rule (9) the following shall be substituted, namely:—

"(9) No advertisement which violates the Code for self-regulation in advertising, as adopted by the Advertising Standard Council of India (ASCI), Mumbai, for public exhibition in India, from time to time, shall be carried in the Cable service".

[F.No. 2302/1/2001-BQ-III (Part)]

N. BAIJENDRA KUMAR, *Jt. Secy.*

Note: The principal rules were published in Gazette of India, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i) *vide* number GSR 729(E) dated the 29th September and subsequently amended by GSR 459 (E) dated the 8th October, 1996 and GSR 710(E) dated the 8th September, 2000, and GSR 282 (E) dated the 11th May, 2006.

Bill to regulate the Press and Media on sting operations

940. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to introduce a Bill to regulate the Press and Media to stop sting operations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;